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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG--WITH GREAT
RELUCTANCE--PRESENTS HIS FRIENDLY NEMESIS

KNUCKLES

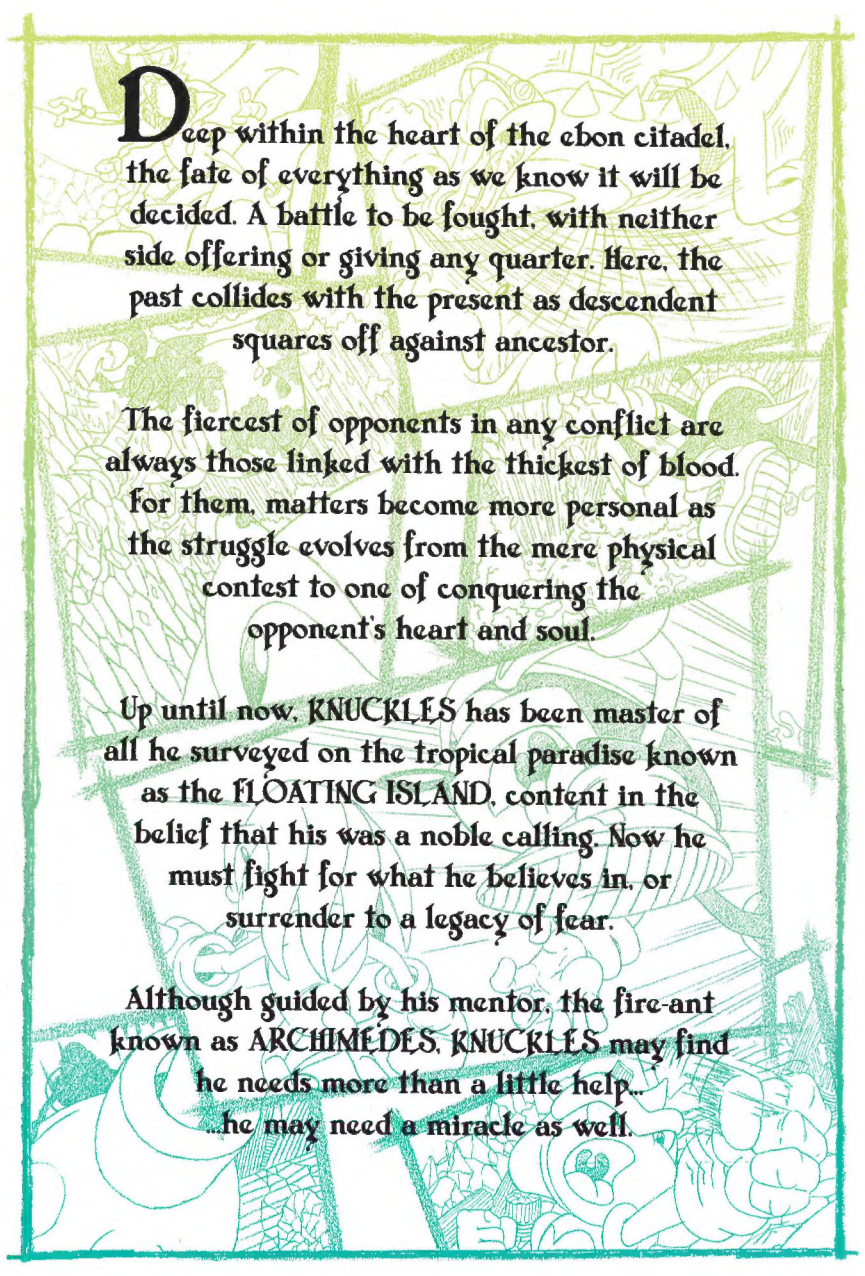
...AND THE ECHIDNA'S
TRAVELLING COMPANION,
ARCHIMEDES...

...AS THEY BATTLE THE
IN ORDER TO DEFEAT THE EVEN DEADLIER
THREAT OF...

CHAOTIX

ENERJAK!



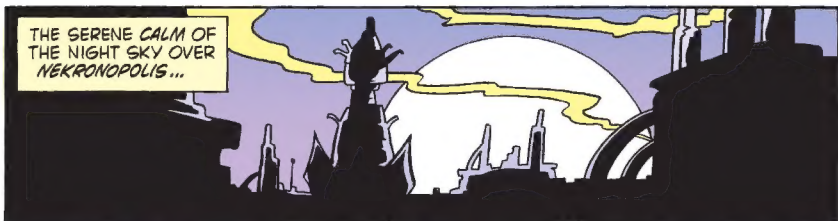


Deep within the heart of the ebony citadel, the fate of everything as we know it will be decided. A battle to be fought, with neither side offering or giving any quarter. Here, the past collides with the present as descendent squares off against ancestor.

The fiercest of opponents in any conflict are always those linked with the thickest of blood. For them, matters become more personal as the struggle evolves from the mere physical contest to one of conquering the opponent's heart and soul.

Up until now, KNUCKLES has been master of all he surveyed on the tropical paradise known as the FLOATING ISLAND, content in the belief that his was a noble calling. Now he must fight for what he believes in, or surrender to a legacy of fear.

Although guided by his mentor, the fire-ant known as ARCHIMEDES, KNUCKLES may find he needs more than a little help...
...he may need a miracle as well.

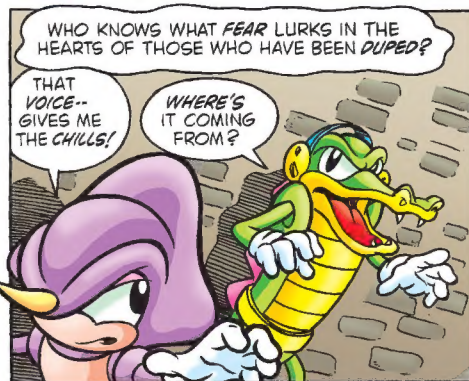
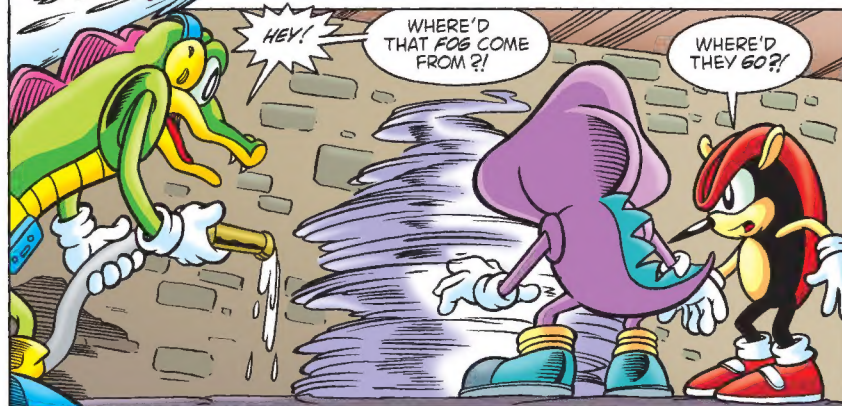
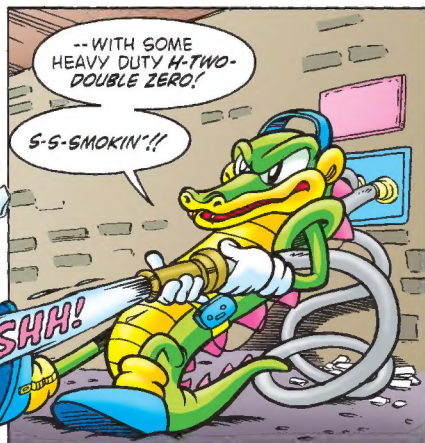


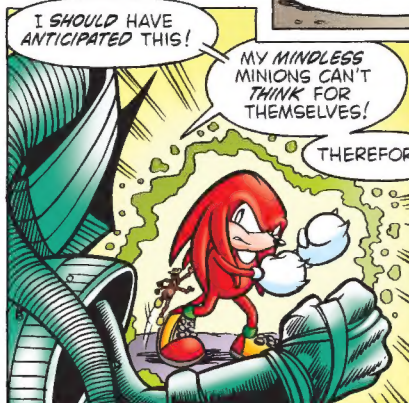
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PART THREE



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"...SINCE I VISITED WITH THE FAMILY!"

I'M QUITE SURE, ECHIDNA, YOU HAVEN'T ANY CONCEPT JUST HOW LONG--

--BUT I'D WAGER THE FIRE-ANT DOES!

DID YOU KNOW THAT AT ONE TIME THE ECHIDNAS WERE THE MOST ADVANCED SPECIES ON MOBIUS?

"MY BROTHER EDMUND AND I WERE ECHIDNAOPOLIS' TOP SCIENTISTS, AND IT WAS OUR DREAM TO RESTORE THE FLOATING ISLAND TO ITS NATIVE MOBIUS UTILIZING THE ENERGY OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS!"

"I CREATED THE CHAOS SYPHON, WHICH WOULD GRADUALLY ABSORB THE ENERGY GENERATED BY THE EMERALDS, THUS LOWERING US UNTIL WE WERE REJOINED WITH THE LAND!"


"HOWEVER, WE WERE DENIED BY THE COUNCIL ELDERS--FOOLISH OLD MEN TOO WEAK-WILLED TO SEE THAT OUR PREDICAMENT REQUIRED A SOLUTION THAT WAS BOLD AND DARING!"

"...MY BROTHER WAS AMONG THEM! AND SO IT FELL TO ME TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN!"

"WHAT I DIDN'T COUNT ON WAS A REDIRECTION OF THE ENERGY THAT WAS CHANGING ME--"

"UNFORTUNATELY..."

"--INTO SOMETHING FAR MORE!"



"HOWEVER WELL I PLANNED, IN MY
ARROGANCE I HAD NOT TAKEN
INTO ACCOUNT YOUR ANCESTORS
ENTERING THE FRAY, FIRE-ANT!

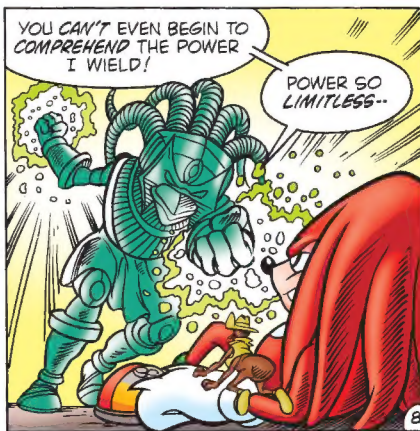
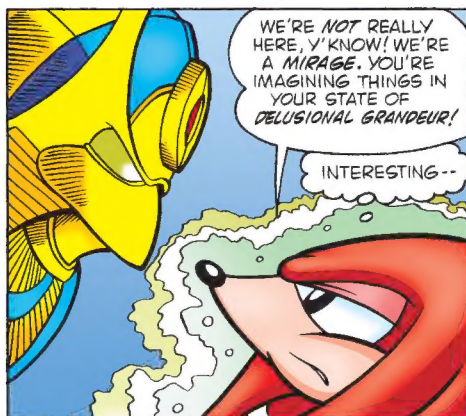
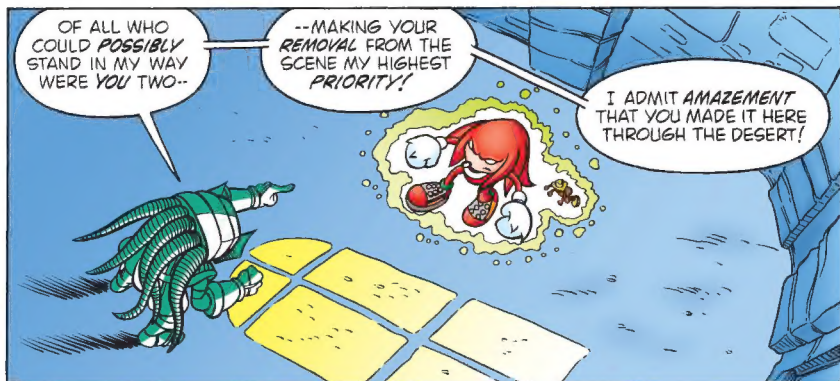
"THEY FOILED MY PLANS, BRINGING
DOWN MY OWN CREATION UPON ME!

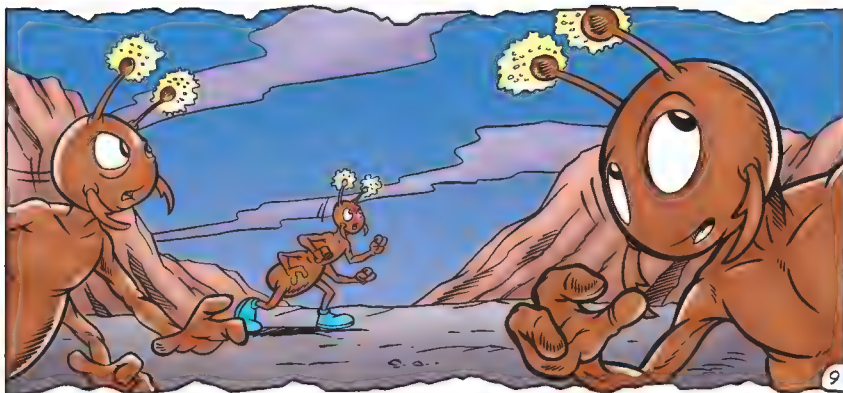
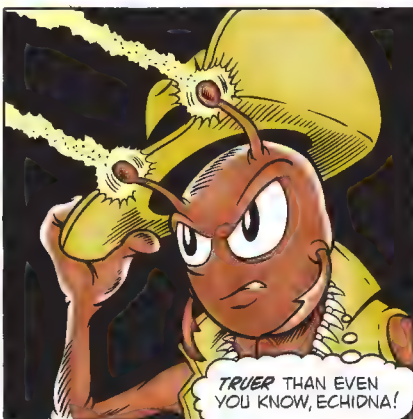
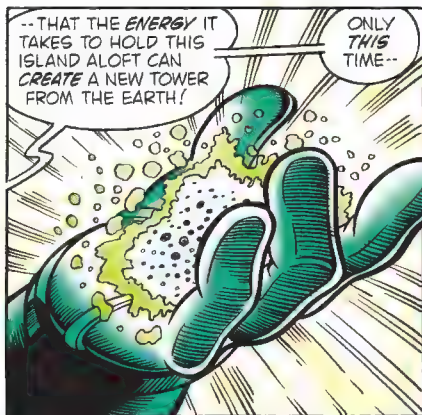
"I SUPPOSE MY BROTHER EDMUND TOOK IT
UPON HIMSELF TO MAKE ATONEMENT FOR
MY DEEDS--

"PROBABLY WRACKED WITH GUILT OVER MY DEATH,
BUT I DID NOT DIE! FOR UNTOLD GENERATIONS
I LAY IN UTTER **BLACKNESS**--

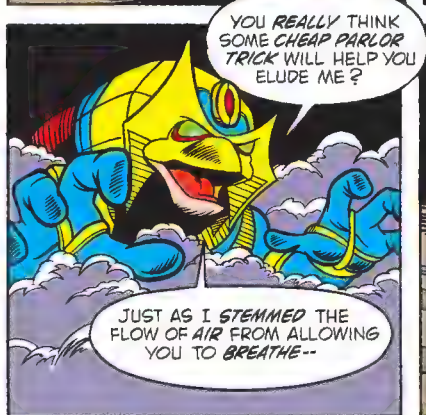
"--UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIGHT FOR MY **REBIRTH**,
AND WITH MY **RENEWED** LIFEFORCE I EMERGED--

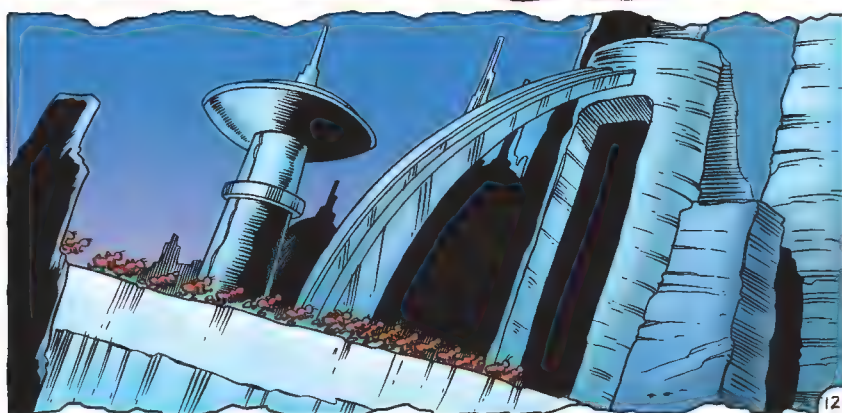
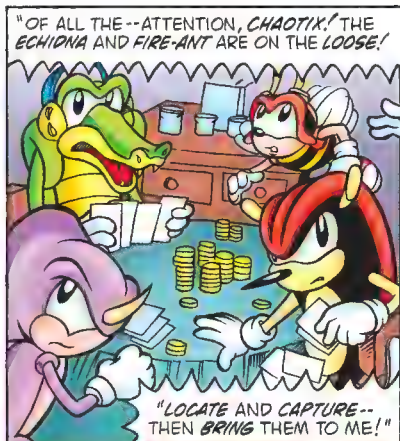
--FREE TO
CONQUER A
WORLD AND
BEYOND!

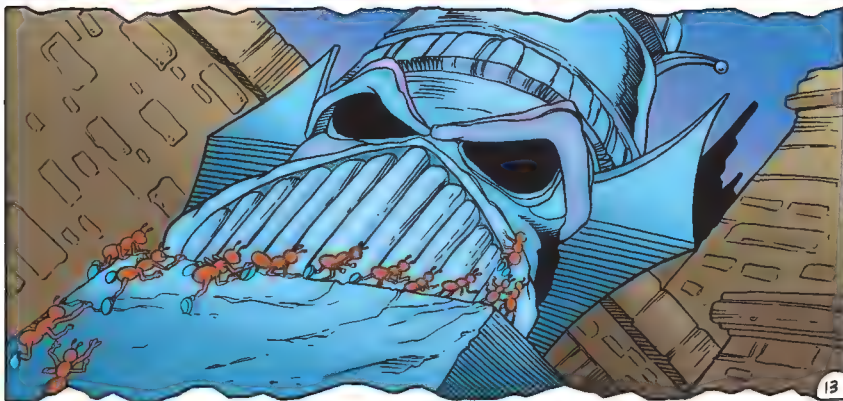
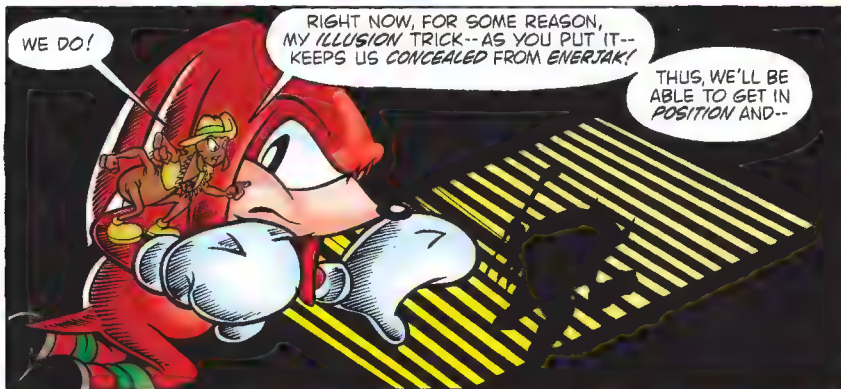
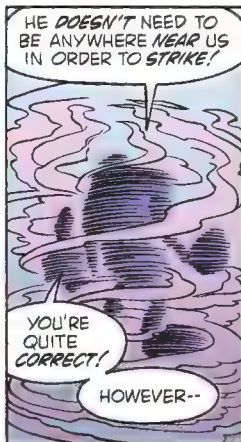


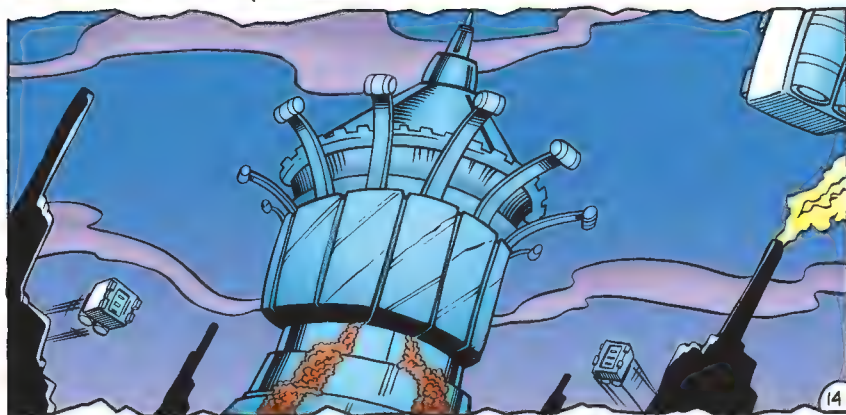
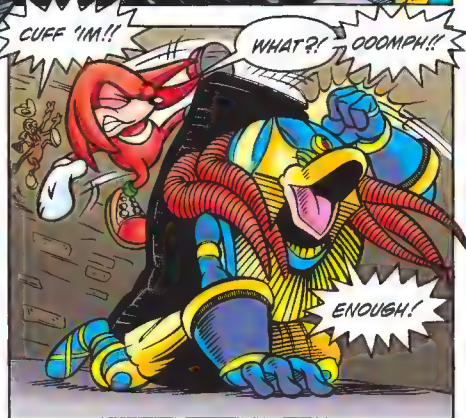
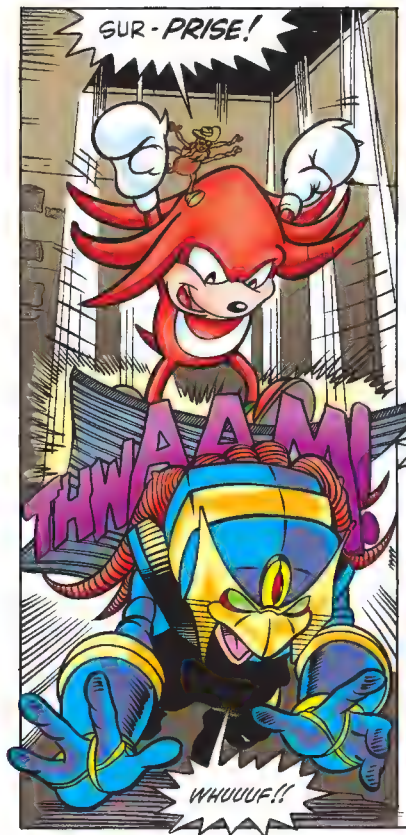


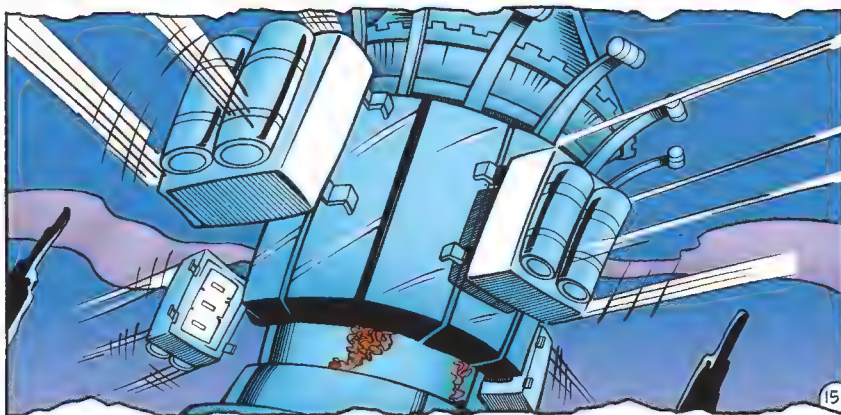
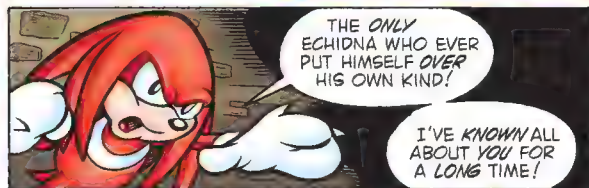
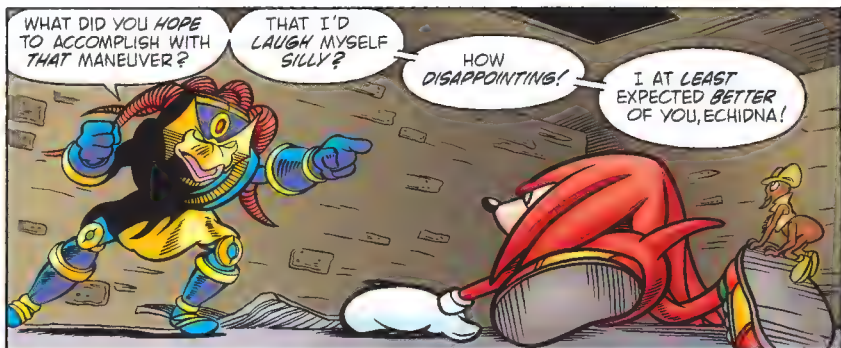


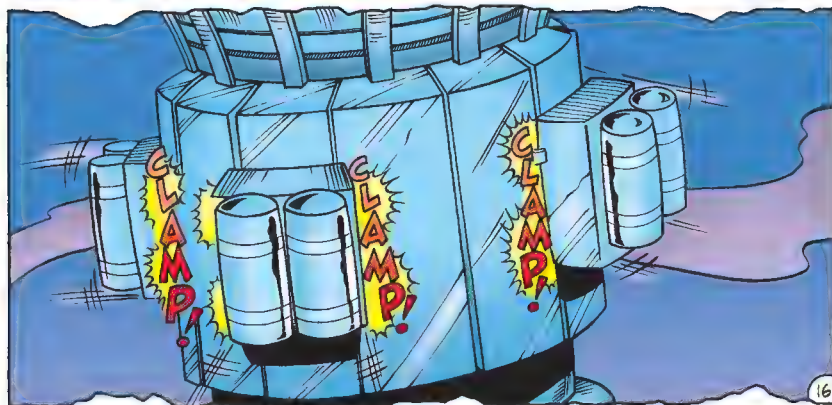
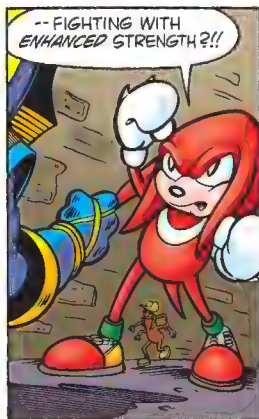
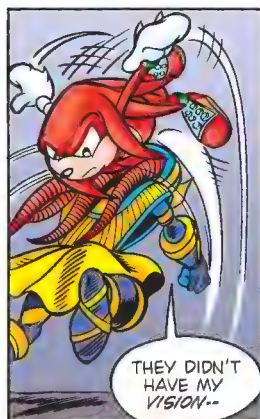
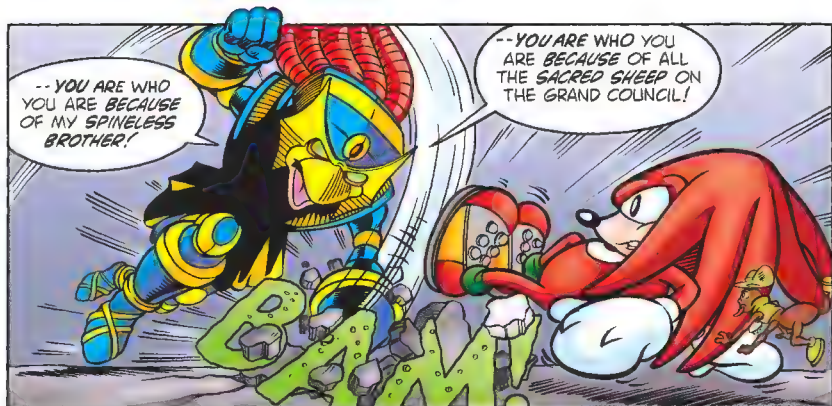


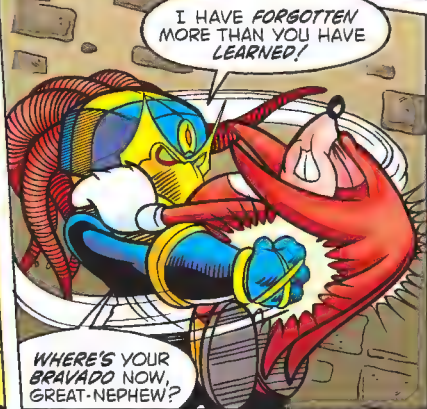
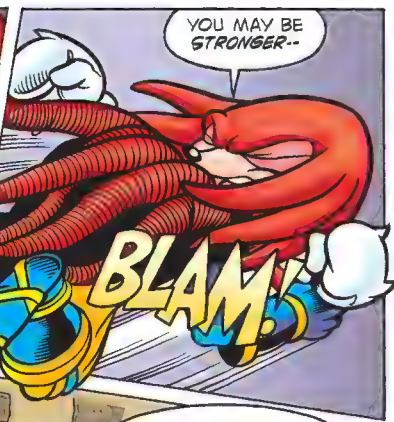




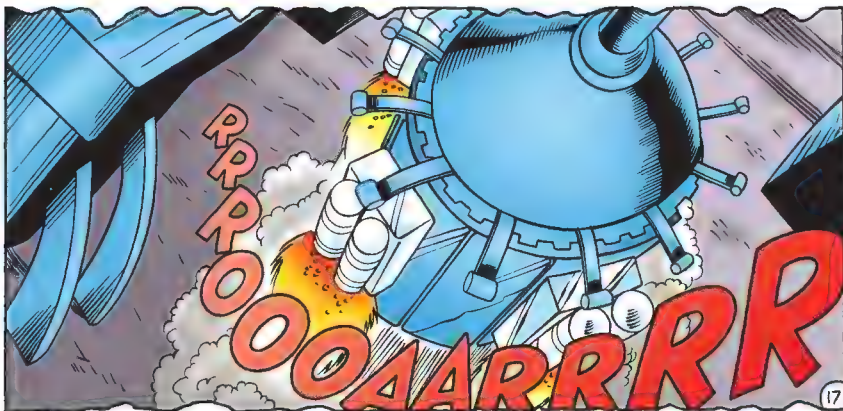


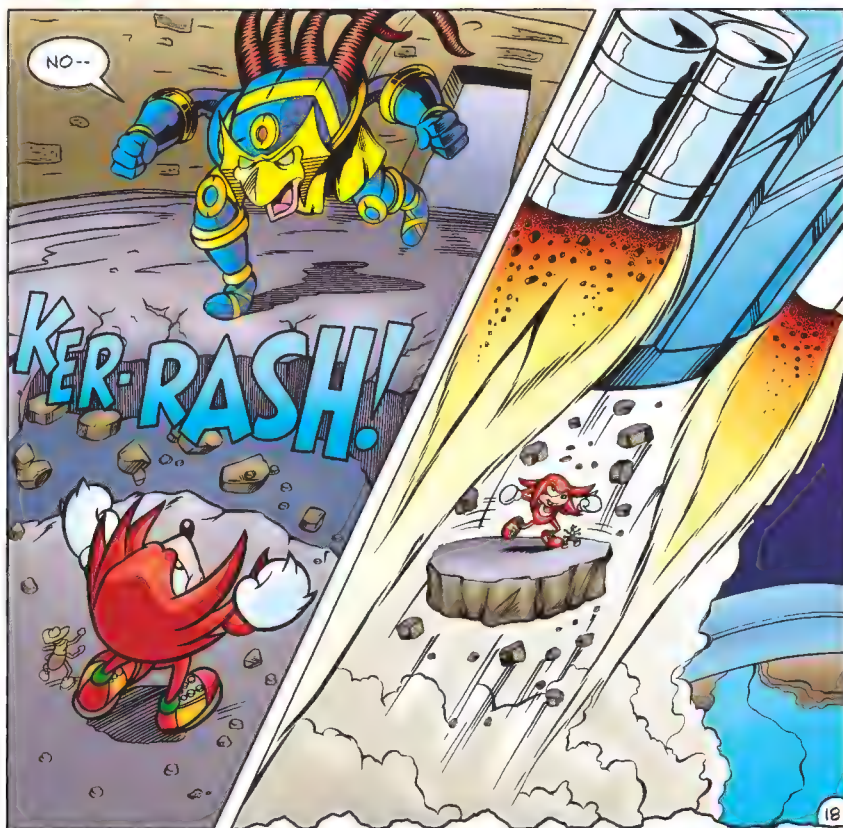
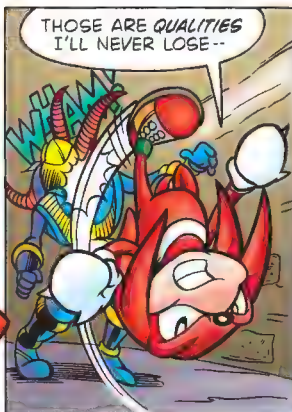


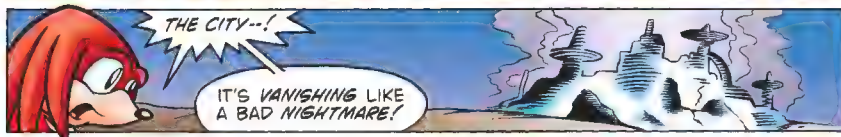
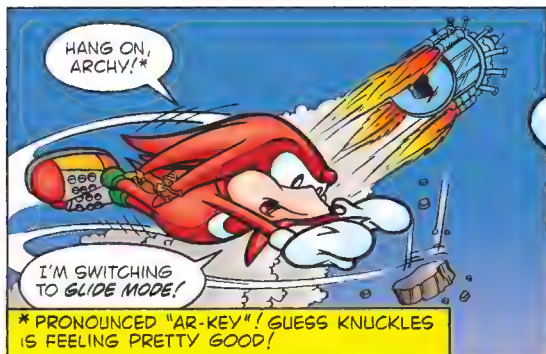


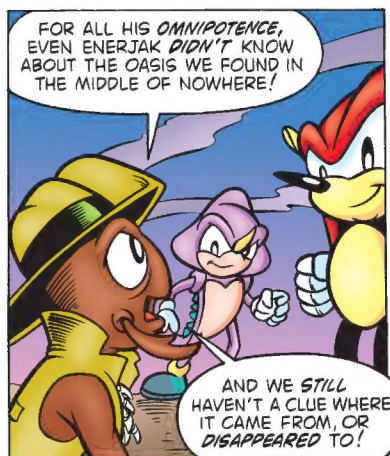
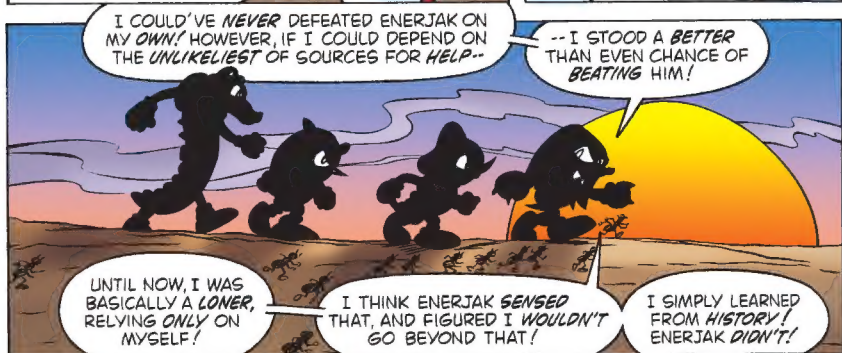


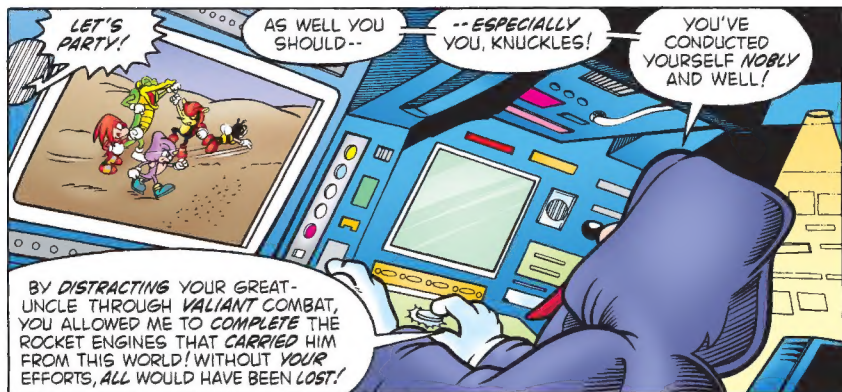
WHERE'S YOUR
BRAVADO NOW,
GREAT-NEPHEW?







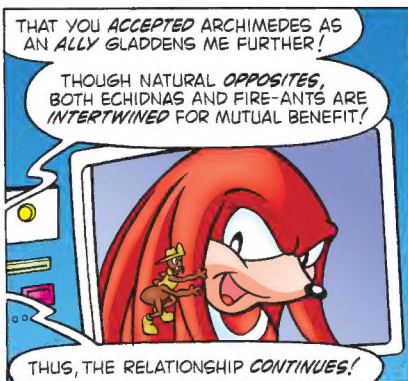




BY DISTRACTING YOUR GREAT-UNCLE THROUGH VALIANT COMBAT, YOU ALLOWED ME TO COMPLETE THE ROCKET ENGINES THAT CARRIED HIM FROM THIS WORLD! WITHOUT YOUR EFFORTS, ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST!



YOU UNDERSTOOD THE MESSAGE OF HISTORY-- WE ARE ALL TOGETHER AS ONE!



THAT YOU ACCEPTED ARCHIMEDES AS AN ALLY GLADDENS ME FURTHER!

THOUGH NATURAL OPPOSITES, BOTH ECHIDNAS AND FIRE-ANTS ARE INTERTWINED FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT!

THUS, THE RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES!



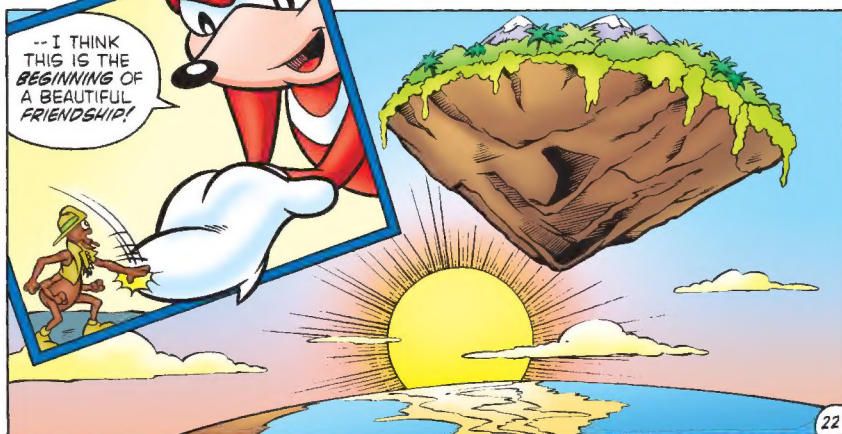
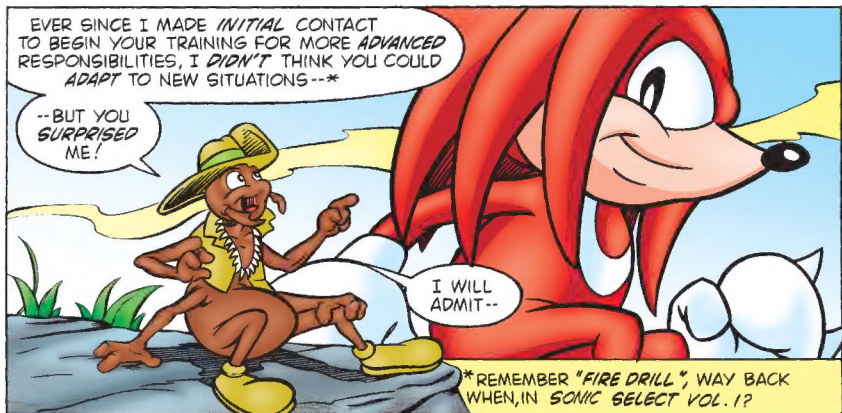
AS FOR ME, I SHALL KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE AS MY FOREFATHERS HAVE DONE FOR COUNTLESS GENERATIONS!



FOR, ISN'T IT THE FATHER'S DUTY--

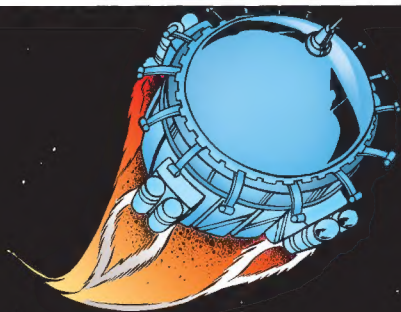


--TO LOOK AFTER HIS SON?



EPILOGUE...

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THE END--

--FOR NOW!